

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 723
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Frances Jane Smith
Tetrick of Elizabethton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Frances Jane Smith Tetrick; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tetrick was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, she served with compassion and sensitivity as the owner, with her husband, Don, of Tetrick Funeral Home; she earned the respect and gratitude of her community for her service in times of great need; and

WHEREAS, a native of Joplin, Missouri, Mrs. Tetrick was the daughter of the late Charles and Ollie Rafferty Smith; an energetic youth who participated in many sports as a child, she graduated from Joplin High School in 1933 and Joplin Business College in 1935; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, she moved with her husband to Elizabethton, where the Tetricks started their funeral business; she was always notable as an active citizen of the community; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jane Smith Tetrick was a valuable member of the Franklin Flower Club and a former member of the Elizabethton Book Club; instrumental in founding the Elizabethton Women's Golf Association, which she served as President, she was thrice crowned the Women's Club Golf Champion; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tetrick was an active and devout member of the First United Methodist Church, which she served faithfully for many years as a member of the United Methodist Women Circle Six; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tetrick enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Don Tetrick, and was the proud mother of two sons, Bill and Richard; she was further blessed by four grandchildren: Tyler Tetrick, Ashley Tetrick, Jared Tetrick, and Ronda Greaves; and

WHEREAS, she will also be greatly missed by her two brothers and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Frances Jane Smith Tetrick leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Frances Jane Smith Tetrick, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character as a businesswoman and civic leader and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Tetrick.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.